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PRAYER IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Invasion Day--June 6th, 1944

By the Chaplain, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D.D.

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ALMIGHTY GOD, in whose hands are the souls of men, we would make this long-awaited day of battle, which will live in the memory of the ages, a day of prayer for ourselves and for our embattled sons: O Thou who hearest prayer and to whose ear have come the sobs and sighs of coerced multitudes, "How long, O Lord, how long?" through the dedicated arms and the offered lives of our valiant warriors, vouchsafe to answer that petition today and in the days to come. Make bare Thy mighty arm of deliverance and save Thy people.

Grant that on this D-day of liberation weapons of freedom, forged in fires of faith, may pierce the shields of pagan steel and that the cruel invaders' walls, reared in treachery and tyranny and oppression, may crumble and fall at the blast of Allied might. Through us, unworthy though we are to be the servants of Thy mercy and Thy justice, may there be loosed the fateful lightning of Thy terrible, swift sword.

Upon our dear boys in this fearful baptism of fire, of whom we think today with special tenderness, lifting them up on the wings of our intercession as knights of Thy righteous will, and upon the hosts of oppressed now at last to emerge from dark dungeons of thraldom, pour Thy enabling grace as together they strike the blow on that fair and historic land where the grapes of wrath are stored.

We pray today, this day of days, for our enemies whose calloused hearts and [illegible] minds and poisoned conceptions have brought woe and sorrow to the world. Forgive them; they know not what they do. Bring them, too, at last, with purged spirits, into the united family of nations.

And on this day, to be remembered from generation to generation, may all the preparation of these toiling years which comes to a fiery focus in this supreme hour of human destiny bring to fulfillment the ancient prophecy to tyrants of old, "Your covenant with death shall be annulled. Your agreement with hell shall not stand. Your refuge of lies shall be swept away. When the overflowing scourge shall pass through you shall be trodden down by it. The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Amen.

The CHAPLAIN. It has been suggested that we stand in a moment of silence and then that we repeat together the Twenty-third Psalm.

After a moment of silence, the Twenty-third Psalm was recited by the Chaplain and the Members of the Senate, as follows:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the [illegible]ence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Excerpts from Daily Prayers in United States Senate, Offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D.D.

December 2, 1943

Almighty God Our Father . . . Forgive us that we have sought, with fame and riches and worldly power before our eyes, to build the habitation of our souls on foundations which in these testing days, when the floods have come, are revealed as sinking sand.

Restore unto us the years which the locusts have eaten, redeem our failures, pardon our transgressions. Make our weakness the throne of Thy power. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

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January 10, 1944

O Thou Companion of the Pilgrim Years . . . Enable with the light of Thy wisdom and the strength of Thy might those who in these fearful times have been entrusted with the stewardship of the national life. O God, to whom the future belongs, use us as pioneers of a better world for ourselves and for all people's. We ask it in the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

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January 24, 1944

O God Our Father . . . Thou hast housed us in a universe where all is love yet all is law. Morning by morning, Thou bringest Thy judgments to light and we behold both Thy goodness and Thy severity. In devastating events Thy wayward children are reaping the bitter harvest of Thy broken laws. The penalties which wreck our world are telling us that in Thy all-embracing love there are rays of wrath as well as of mercy. In a rocking and reeling earth Thou art teaching us by tragedy that every purpose and policy that is alien from love and based on selfishness is already sentenced to death, because it is resisting the supreme power.

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February 17, 1944

Our Father God . . . May Thy Servants who have been called to administer the affairs of this Nation make daily choice of spiritual integrity amid the corruption that is in the world through the lust of power, that, being unafraid, they may contend for the right as Thou dost give them to see the right . . . Amen.

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February 24, 1944

O Thou God of All Races and Nations . . . Send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead us, let them bring us to Thy holy hill.

Grant us to feel the passion of a high resolve to cherish above all else the glorious destiny unto which Thou hast called us as a nation. Strengthen our hearts in the confidence that Thou hast appointed us for the protection of the weak and hast formed this Union, set between the seas, not for ourselves alone but for a healing ministry to all the world . . . Amen.

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March 16, 1944

Our Father God . . . Cleanse us, we beseech Thee, from secret faults which may mar our public service. We cannot be the prophets of world peace if in our own hearts are entrenched the very things which make for war . . . Deliver us from the evil of national policies whose fateful consequence will be still another war. May we clearly see and faithfully follow the things that belong to our peace. We ask it in the Name above every name. Amen.

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March 20, 1944

Our Father God . . . Towering o'er the wrecks of time, may our eyes behold the conquering sign of a rugged cross and our ears, attuned to the infinite, catch the clear accents of the inevitable Christ, declaring, "I will draw all men unto me." We ask it in His ever-blessed name. Amen.

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April 25, 1944

Lord of All Being . . . In these days of destiny, into Thy hands we commit our feeble endeavors to lead the Nation toward the beckoning towers of that city which haunts our dreams; for its luring plan is Thine, and the strength to labor while it is called day is Thine, and unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. Under the Master Builder make us strong to endure, that we faint not nor fear. Amen.

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May 4, 1944

Our Father God . . . By the mute arms of white crosses stretched in alien lands, hallowed by the wordless courage of our fallen sons, by the invincible legions of the dauntless offering their young strength and the full cup of the joyous years to be, to rid their world and ours from the black plague of a pagan cult, comes Thy solemn summons to discipline, to toil, and to ceaseless prayer, for we, too, are soldiers arrayed against the common foe.

Keep our goals clear, our hearts pure, our spirits courageous, as we never turn our backs but march breast forward. In the name that is above every name. Amen.

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May 8, 1944

Eternal Father . . . Coming to this temple of our democracy to pray, we would not catalog the sins of others, we would not exult that we are not as other men. Confessing our own sins, we would pray for Thy forgiveness and Thy cleansing. We ask it in the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

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June 12, 1944

Eternal God and Father of all men, who bringeth forth righteousness as the light and judgment as the noonday, our souls wait upon Thee, our expectation is from Thee . . . Grant unto us for whom they (our fighting sons) make their sacrifice such penitence for our sins and shortcomings and such determination that the faerful price they are paying to preserve the free life shall not be in vain; that through us even this flaming wrath of man shall be made to serve Thee and Thy kingdom of justice and peace. We ask it in the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

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June 15, 1944

God of All Grace and Comfort . . . While we fervently pray that the habitations of violence may be destroyed, we pray, too, that Thou wilt cleanse us from moral pollution, from mental darkness. With the awful cost of another chance to build a fairer world ever before us, in ground plowed by such sacrifice save us from sowing seeds today that will bring but a bitter harvest of ill will and revenge to torment our children's children. Grant, we pray Thee, that we may not in such a day seek selfishly great things for ourselves but high things for civilization and mankind. Even as with the stern determination that we wage war against evil, so may we devote ourselves to the sacrificial service of peace. Amen.

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June 16, 1944

O Thou Who Changest Not in a world rocked and shaken, as the fires of war are quenched give us the wisdom so to build that never again in blind folly will we choose foundations which are sinking sand and walls of tinder which will prove but rubble for the devouring flame. We pray in the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THE TEACHING OF RELIGION IN TAX-SUPPORTED SCHOOLS

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THE PROBLEM

Need we sacrifice the American principle of "religious freedom," or the American principle of the "separation of Church and State" in order to introduce into the curricula of our tax-supported lower schools and universities instruction in the concepts of religion?

It is false to assume that we are legally stopped from teaching our common religious concepts anywhere. It is equally false to assume that some church or group of churches has a God-given right to a monopoly of instruction in religious concepts. If it is conceived that basic religious concepts are true and would stand on their own feet whether any church or churches remained as human organizations or not, then it may be concluded that no church organization by right ought to have a monopoly of instruction in religious concepts.

Our forebears, in setting up legal barriers between church organizations and organizations of government tried to prevent and succeeded in preventing such a monopoly on the part of any church organization. The difficulty in our day is that we have come to regard all religious concepts as belonging in some sacred sense to a specific church organization, and as having no legs to stand on if any one of them should once get out of its church. This has come about in spite of the fact that we regard church organizations as human organizations subject to their human weaknesses as we regard government organizations subject to the same human weaknesses. Our forebears for two hundred years taught us that no church or state organization of human beings but only God's will made right and wrong, and that His will must be obeyed by each individual according to his own understanding. That is why all school children until seventy-five or a hundred years ago were taught the common religious concepts in the public schools.

LEGAL SITUATION

The legal separation of church organizations from organizations of government was achieved by the adoption of three constitutional barriers, enacted around 1790. These barriers were:

1. Government shall not abridge the free exercise of a religion;
2. No test peculiar to any particular church organization shall be used in qualifying an official of government; and
3. The taxing power of government shall not be used to support any church organization.

These are the only constitutional barriers existing now. The people are perfectly free to teach the concepts of religion in any way they please so long as these concepts stand as the truth; that is, the commonly accepted truth. A concept that is the exclusive possession of some particular church cannot be taught. That is sectarianism and the taxing power cannot be used to favor any sect. Clearly, if religious concepts exist of which no particular church has a monopoly, such concepts may be dealt with by the people and even by organizations of government in any way found desirable, without in any way infringing the legal barriers.

It, therefore, is constitutional to teach in tax-supported schools any and all materials which contain and explain *commonly accepted* religious concepts which are not presented in such a manner as to prefer the teachings peculiar to any one church over those of any other. The constitutional barriers were set up to avoid quarrels between human church organizations and human governmental organizations. They were not intended to do more. They were not intended to eliminate our religious concepts themselves from the concern of the people. In fact it was assumed that these concepts should be the most important concern in all realms of life.

THE NEED TODAY

Let us search our souls to find whether we as a people have possession of any commonly accepted concepts of religion. To the extent that we have common beliefs in what is right and wrong according to God's Commandments, we have a basis for our common culture. Only to the extent that we teach those concepts may we hope to have a Christian society. And without that we have no basis for our form of government.

Recently Dr. Robert W. Searle suggested five religious concepts which are commonly accepted by all religious-minded Americans.

1. God is Creator and Father. Man was made in the image of God.
2. The idea of brotherhood. Out of one blood He created man.
3. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." Common humility requires constant thankfulness for His gifts.
4. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.
5. Without sacrifice there is no overcoming of evil.

All of these can be enlarged upon by teaching the philosophy and precepts of the Ten Commandments. Likewise, the precepts of the fifth chapter of Matthew lie at the very base of our common American culture, and must be repeated again and again as the multiplication table, in order that the spirits of men may be properly disciplined. Practical illustrations of such disciplined lives are found in the great characters of the Bible. Our problem is not the absence of material to be taught, but our failure to recognize the importance of adequate religious instruction and the will to see that it is given.

The religious beliefs we hold in common must be put back into the matter of instruction in our tax-supported schools with the same rating they had when, a few decades ago, they were ousted not as a result of our schools newly becoming "public," but as a result of our whole educational system becoming "secular." We copied largely the technique of Europe. But Europe, unlike America, was forced to put religion out of education to avoid the inevitable quarrel between Church and State. The Church insisted it alone could provide religious instruction. We had no such quarrel. We separated the two, but retained the right of religious instruction in the school. In fact our first schools and colleges were themselves religious institutions.

A people whose children are educated to regard the concepts in which God's will has been revealed to man as less valid and more "optional" than the concepts of mathematics, will not long possess inner compulsions that are informed by the will of God.

And they will not long be able to govern themselves. Only a people disciplined to do God's will are fit to be free. And such discipline depends on the ideas people hold dear in common. They will not and cannot hold to such ideas in common unless they are taught systematically and thoroughly in each generation.

Nor can the Church and the home teach that religion is most important while the school and college are saying, by negative suggestion at least, that religion is not important at all. Our educational house is divided against itself. Trust is compartmentalized into the sacred and the secular when there is no such valid division.

CONCLUSION

In this hour of world tragedy we can but wonder how well men armed only with a secular education are prepared to withstand the trials of this present world conflict, and the difficult days of reconstruction which are to follow. We cannot help believing that our American democracy has succeed-

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PRAYER ON INVASION DAY

Probably never in the entire history of our nation has there ascended to God from the people of America such a volume of prayer as went up to Him from the rulers and people of this country on June 6th, Invasion Day, for our sons and daughters in the armed forces and for the nation. It is a most significant fact that the President of the United States lead the nation in prayer and that his prayer was carried by a vast net-work of radio stations to vast numbers of people in our own country and millions in other lands. While there are elements in his prayer which were lacking—confession of our nation's sins and prayer for forgiveness, petitioning in the Name of Jesus Christ—we should nevertheless rejoice in the fact that as the nation's head he was led to lead the whole people in prayer. Other public officials, the mayors of many of our cities called upon the people to pray. Business concerns called their employees together for prayer, and the great majority of our churches held prayer services.

While vast numbers of the American people are careless and apparently indifferent to spiritual realities nevertheless they do have religious convictions and in crisis periods these convictions express themselves as they did on Invasion Day and are still doing in turning to God in prayer. May this terrible war through which we are passing be the means of deepening and strengthening these religious convictions and giving them permanence. May our nation, its leaders and people continue in prayer, heeding the Divine admonition to "pray without ceasing."

PRAYER IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

In the Upper and Lower Houses of the United States Congress the daily sessions are opened with prayer. The prayers are offered by the chaplains chosen by the two Houses of Congress —the chaplain of the Senate is Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D.D.; of the House of Representatives, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D.D. On the front page of this issue is found the prayer offered by Chaplain Harris in the Senate on Invasion Day. On page two are found excerpts from his daily prayers offered in the Senate over a period of several months. We believe both the Senate and the nation are to be congratulated in having a man of such high Christian character, moral courage and spiritual vision as Dr. Harris to lead the Senate in its daily prayers. There is no doubt that these are truly Christian prayers. The petitions are not platitudes carefully framed to offend no one. They deal realistically and from the Christian viewpoint with the great problems with which this legislative body deals.

The same can be said of Dr. Montgomery and of the prayers which he offers in the daily sessions of the House of Representatives. It is our intention to reproduce excerpts from these prayers in the next issue of The Christian Statesman.

Furthermore it is a matter for congratulation that many members of the Senate and House of Representatives are praying men. A group of each of these bodies meets once each week at breakfast following which they have a service of prayer and study a portion of the Word of God. A member of Congress writes us that the prayer groups "are going strong with an attendance much better this past winter."

MR. GWINN'S ARTICLE

We call attention to the article in this issue, "The Teaching of Religion in Tax-Supported Schools," by Ralph W. Gwinn of the law firm of Gwinn and Pell of 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

In this clear and convincing article Mr. Gwinn supports the view which The National Reform Association has held through the long years, of the state's right and duty in its own school to give that instruction in the fundamental concepts of our common religious faith which is essential in fitting American youth for the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship in our Republic.

In view of the fact that so many of our religious and educational leaders hold the view that our schools, being public, cannot give any instruction in religion but must rely wholly on the churches or other private agencies to impart this instruction, it is encouraging when the head of a prominent New York law firm takes the opposite view and supports it as strongly as Mr. Gwinn does.

We request a careful reading of the article. It is reprinted from *Christian Laymen,* the bulletin of "Laymen's Movement for a Christian World Order," an organization of Christian laymen of which Mr. Gwinn is the President, whose purpose is "to build Christianity into the life of the world."

OUR PROGRAM FOR RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The program of The National Reform Association for the Bible and moral and religious training in our public schools includes the following:

1. Daily devotional Bible-reading and prayer in our public schoolrooms.
2. The establishing of courses of Bible instruction in our schools.
3. The restoration to the textbooks used in our public schools of that moral and religious element which formerly was so prominent in them but which in later years has largely disappeared. As evidence of the growing demand for the restoration of this religious element to school textbooks we cite the fact of the republishing of the 1879 edition of the McGuffey's Series of Eclectic Readers. These Readers, noted for the prominent place given to morals and religion, were widely used in the public schools of America over a period of a half century or more. They can be obtained from the American Book Company, 88 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y.

BIBLE TEACHING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

In North Carolina courses of instruction in the Bible are being given in the public schools in about one hundred communities throughout the state including most of the large cities. The Bible is the chief or only textbook. These courses are given in public school buildings on school time and under school supervision. For the most part these courses are given in the high school but of late are reaching down into the grades. The Bible teachers are usually nominated by those representing church groups but are elected by the school board. Over twenty thousand pupils are now reached daily or weekly with this Bible instruction.

In respect to educational standards these Bible teachers measure up fully with other public school teachers and in addition have special training in Bible teaching. Although the Attorney General of the state has ruled that these teachers can be paid out of state funds, for the most part their salaries (on a par with that paid other teachers) are paid from funds raised privately.

Ruling of Attorney General's office —"There is no legal prohibition against providing for an elective course in Bible in the public schools of the State, nor is there any prohibition against expending public funds to pay

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Our Work on Behalf of a Christian World Order

For the past six months, a good portion of the time, energy and means of The National Reform Association has been devoted to work on behalf of a Christian World Order.

The Word of God teaches that the Divine rulership extends over nations in their relations to each other, as well as to their own people; that Jesus Christ is ruler "among the nations" as truly as He is over each nation, and that nations should be governed by His moral laws in their dealings with each other. The terrible war that is now in progress is due to the failure of the nations to recognize these great principles and to be obedient to them. The responsibility for this failure rests no more, if as much, upon nations, as upon the church of Christ whom God has ordained to be His prophet to the nations, whom He has commissioned to preach the Gospel to all nations as well as to all individuals. The church has signally failed in her duty to do this. Therefore, she as well as the nation, has a grave responsibility for the war now in progress. Now is the time for her to repent, as well as the nations, and to do works "meet for repentance" by proclaiming and applying as never before the Christian principles of civil government, as they relate to nations in their relations with each other. Never has the church had such an opportunity to do this with effect as now lies before her.

With God's blessing and help, which we implore, we now look forward confidently to victory over the Axis Powers. When that victory is achieved a New World Order will be established. What kind of an order is it to be—an order similar to that which was set up at the close of the First World War—an order based all too largely on national selfishness, racial superiority, and the like? Or, shall it be an order built on the foundation God has laid, and set up in accordance with justice and brotherhood —the basic principles of Christianity? This is an issue of tremendous moment—an issue we are facing *now,* that is already in process of being determined, and that will soon be decided for decades it may be centuries to come.

What kind of a world order is our own nation to stand for and use her influence to have other nations accept. This is the responsibility we Americans, especially American Christians, face. God help us, and help the Christian church of America to face, and measure up to this responsibility. How can it be done? By building a strong public sentiment for a Christian World Order and bringing that public sentiment to bear upon our public officials at Washington, especially those who will represent us in the peace. This the National Reform Association has been endeavoring to do in the following ways:

Literature Provided

1. Petition for Christian World Order including a "Christian Charter."

	Copies
To the U. S. Senate	13,000
To House of Representatives	1,000
To the President and Department of State	1,000

2. The Christian World Order issue of The Christian Statesman

First edition	4,000
Second edition	10,000

3. The article in recent issue of Christian Statesman by Dr. R. H. Martin entitled, "America's Responsibility for a Christian World Order," inserted in *Congressional Record* by Congressman Paul Cunningham of Iowa.
   Government reprint of article secured 25,000
4. "A Righteous Faith for a Just and Durable Peace" (100 pages) 100
5. "Six Pillars of Peace" (85 pages) 100
6. Letters sent out in connection with above literature 10,000

How Used

1. The Woman's organizations of the Presbyterian Church, South, after requesting and securing our permission, published in full "The Christian Charter for a New World Order" in their pamphlet outlining a course of study on the New World Order which they sent to their local organizations throughout the church.
2. The Men and Women's Organizations of the Presbyterian Church, South, secured from us and sent to their local organizations throughout the church the following:
   a. The Christian World Order issue of The Christian Statesman 1,500
   b. "America's Responsibility for a Christian World Order 1,500
   c. Petition for a Christian World Order 1,500
3. Petition for a Christian World Order, Christian World Order issue of Christian Statesman, "America's Responsibility for a Christian World Order" with covering letter were sent out as follows:

Methodists		
Bishops	41	
Pastors (Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Altoona Conferences)	473	
Conference Secretaries	111	
District Superintendents	227	
		852
Presbyterian Pastors (Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio)		2,000
Evangelical church leaders		100
Congregational-Christian Church Pastors		800
Northern Baptist, pastors and other leaders		1,000
United Brethren leaders		100
Lutheran pastors		100
Disciples of Christ		270
United Presbyterian pastors of North America		625
International Council of Religious Education		250
Pastors of Boston and New England area		1,000
Pastors of the Detroit, Michigan area		1,000
Pennsylvania Council of Churches (through Rev. W. L. Mudge, Secretary) officers and leaders		400
Woman's Christian Temperance Leaders in New York, Pennsylvania and other states		567
Woman's Missionary Society United Presbyterian Church leaders		62
President of American Colleges, Universities		382
Presidents of Theological Seminaries		145
Miscellaneous orders filled		400
Total		10,053

To Reformed Presbyterian Pastors

In October, 1943 we sent to pastors of Reformed Presbyterian Church:

a. Copy of Christian World Order issue of Christian Statesman
b. Copy of Petition for a Christian World Order
c. Sufficient copies of "America's Responsibility for a Christian World Order" for each family of the congregation
d. A copy of "A Righteous Faith for a Just and Durable Peace"
e. A copy of "Six Pillars of Peace,"

together with a covering letter outlining our program and

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ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

We are assured that the Second Edition of Dr. Fleming's book, "God in Our Public Schools," will go to press on Monday, July 3rd, and be rushed to completion. The order for this second edition was given last September but on account of the death of the superintendent in the printing shop, calling into the service of other employees and other factors due to the war, this long delay in filling the order seemed to be necessary. We should have a supply of this edition for distribution by July 15th. Secure from National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Per copy $1.50.

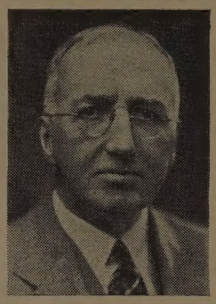
Quite a number of changes have been made in the first edition and new and up-to-date material has been introduced. Two graphs will be found in the new edition from the Federal Bureau of Investigation showing the number of males and females arrested and fingerprinted in 1943 for the age groups from 16 to 24.

New material covering six or seven pages has been added citing communities, or large sections of states in which Bible instruction is being given in the regular curriculum of the public schools under school supervision and in numerous instances by teachers elected by school boards and in some instances paid from state funds. This in some eight or nine states.

To publicize this new edition our Association has prepared and had printed 10,000 copies of a new, rather extensive, and attractive prospectus of the book. This prospectus contains a photograph of the book, table of contents, graphs and appraisals of the book by outstanding educational and religious leaders. The most of these 10,000 copies will soon go out to key persons throughout the United States whom we have reason to believe will be interested in the subject of which the book treats.

On June 7th Dr. R. H. Martin reported to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana, on the work of The National Reform Association and addressed the Synod on the Association's program for the Bible and moral and religious training in our public schools and for a Christian World Order. The Synod voted to recommend to the congregations of the church the taking of an offering for the Association's work on the first Sabbath of November.

Rev. W. W. T. Duncan, D.D., LL.D., formerly pastor of the Emory Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and later pastor of the Lakewood Methodist Church near Cleveland, Ohio and for many years a member of the Board of Directors of The National Reform Association, has graciously offered to speak for our Association as his time and other engagements will permit. On account of the rules of his church with reference to age, Dr. Duncan resigned the pastorate of the Lakewood Church, one of the largest in the denomination, and is now serving a small church at Columbia Station, Ohio. Dr. Duncan is still vigorous and ambitious to serve his Master wherever opportunity affords. He is eminently qualified to speak on the National Reform platform. We appreciate his offer which we gladly accept.



W. W. T. DUNCAN

Dr. R. H. Martin represented The National Reform Association at a conference of temperance leaders held in the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on April 12th and 13th. Some seventy representatives of local, state and national dry organizations, not affiliated with the Anti-Saloon League of America, from twenty-six states attended this conference: also the Anti-Saloon League convened in the same hotel its "Commission on Reorganization with a View to Unity" of eleven members and its state superintendents and executive committeemen in the total number of about sixty persons. These two groups met separately in several sessions and met jointly in two sessions.

After extended discussions of matters related to the creation of a new national crusading dry organization, the group of independent dry organizations named a Continuation Committee of Eleven Members and provided for the addition of five outstanding churchmen of America, five outstanding business leaders of America and five outstanding Christian women to meet with the Committee of the Anti-Saloon League named above.

The Continuation Committee of these two groups created a joint subcommittee on Constitution which met on May 15-17 at Columbus, Ohio to explore the matter of radical constitutional revisions with the object of formulating a new national organization pattern in which all the moral reform organizations of our country interested in the Christian solution of the beverage alcohol problem may be welded into a unity.

The full membership of the Continuation Committees will meet at Winona Lake, Indiana on August 29th to complete the arrangements. Let it be our hope and prayer that this greatly needed movement will prove to be successful.

Rev. E. M. Hertzler, M.A.

In the March issue of The Christian Statesman we spoke of the fine work of Rev. E. M. Hertzler of Marion, Ohio in introducing a course of Bible teaching into the fifth and sixth grades of the public schools of this city. We are pleased to announce in this issue that Mr. Hertzler is now a member of the staff of The National Reform Association's Department of Religious Education in the Public Schools. For the present he is continuing as pastor of the congregation of the Church of the Brethren in Marion, giving half time service to our Association. His work consists largely in contacting religious and educational leaders in communities where there is an interest in introducing Bible teaching in the public schools, particularly in places not too distant from Marion, but his work sometimes takes him into nearby states.

In addition to his theological training Mr. Hertzler has taken a course on Education in Columbia University and received the degree of Master of Arts from this institution. He formerly held pastorates in Brooklyn, New York and Windber, Pennsylvania.

He is deeply interested in the restoration of the Bible and moral and religious instruction into our public schools, believing that this is the only means by which that large proportion of American youth which is unreached by any church today, can be reached with that fundamental religious training which is essential in meeting the crime and juvenile delinquency problem and saving our republic. For this reason he enters this field of Christian service. We wish him God-speed. His address is 155 Reed Avenue, Marion, Ohio.

Bible Teaching in the Public Schools of North Carolina

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for such instruction, to the same extent and in the same manner as other courses are taught in our schools."

A full unit of credit toward graduation is allowed for Bible courses. The North Carolina Council of Churches which sponsors this work has the hearty cooperation of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Our Work on Behalf of Christian World Order

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explaining the use we wished them to make of this literature.

What Has This Accomplished?

In the letters sent out to these 10,000 and more Christion leaders throughout America with the literature, no request was made for a reply to our Association's office. They were requested to read and study the literature, to adopt the petition for a Christian World Order and send it on to Washington to the proper officials. Nevertheless, quite a number have replied thanking us for the literature, and quite a number adopted the petitions and sent them to our office with a request that they be forwarded to Washington. We complied with their request, sending a covering letter along with the petitions, mostly to United States Senators. We are glad to report that in every instance we have received letters from these senators acknowledging receipt of our letters and the petitions, expressing their interest in our program, some of them commending it highly and stating that the petitions were presented to the United States Senate. In one case, that of Senator Malone from Connecticut the Senator stated that our letter together with the petition in full, on his request, were inserted in the Congressional Record a copy of which he was kind enough to send to us.

Addresses

In most of the sermons and addresses made by the President of the Association and others representing it, this subject has been dealt with. In a good number of these messages it was the sole topic discussed.

Registering Sentiment

In our literature and messages on this subject we have stressed not only the building of public sentiment for a Christian World Order but also, and especially, the importance of registering this sentiment with our public officials at Washington, particularly members of the Senate of the United States. It is on the latter that Christian people are most likely to fail. Christian sentiment to be effective on this issue must be registered with those who will represent our nation in the peace. This sentiment can be registered by petition but it is more effective to register it by personal letters. We have, therefore, urged not only the signing of petitions but also the sending of personal letters.

Our Program for the Days to Come

It is our purpose to carry on with this program for a Christian World Order in the days immediately before us. We have encouragement to do this in the fact that the Christian churches of America are awakening to their responsibility in this matter. The great Methodist Church, for example, has been carrying forward a most effective program for a Christian World Order and bringing the convictions of Methodists to bear effectively upon our Washington officials. The same is true of the Northern Baptist Church, the Congregational-Christian Church and other denominations. This should encourage us to redouble our efforts, especially since there is one distinctive feature in our program, namely, that we emphasize as few others do, that not only Christian principles must be applied in the New World Order but that due recognition should be given Him from whom these principles come, namely, Jesus Christ, Savior and Lord of nations as truly as of men. We have never had as great and favorable an opportunity to influence public sentiment and our national officials with these fundamental principles of Christian government as we now have. The public mind of America is now focused on the New World Order. The public mind is fluid on this issue, open to conviction on the necessity of the New World Order being Christian. Now is the time for the church, which the Governor of Pennsylvania recently called the standing army of the Prince of Peace, to get into action, to move forward and fight with all her might for an order that will bring a just and durable peace and put an end to these horrible world wars.

All the above work was done at an expense of considerably less than $1,000.00. A special appeal was made for contributions for this work. The response was gratifying. We received one contribution of $150.00, three contributions of $100.00 each, two of $50.00, and others of smaller sums. We should have $1,000.00 to carry forward this Christian World program in the coming six months. We appeal to our friends who are deeply interested in this great issue to furnish us with the means necessary to carry forward this program through the coming critical months. Send your contribution to The National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

OBJECT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

The object of The National Reform Association, as stated in its charter, is "the maintenance and promotion in our national life of the Christian principles of civil government." These principles are found in the Bible, a large portion of which is specifically the message of God to nations, to their rulers and citizens. The leaders of the Association throughout its history of more than three-quarters of a century, have regarded it as their responsibility to proclaim and apply these principles to the nation, its government and citizens in relation to the life of the nation, to the moral problems with which the nation and its government are constantly facing, to its constitutions of government and to its statutory laws particularly as they relate to moral issues, with the purpose of making this a truly and in the highest sense a Christian nation, in actual fact, and by profession, and in keeping it such. This includes a Christian Amendment to our Federal Constitution, but it is far more inclusive, something far deeper and broader than this, or the enactment of any legislation of whatsoever character.

When the present President of the Association assumed the responsibility of the presidency he stated the purpose of the Association to be, "the Christianizing of our national and governmental life." There are already many Christian features in the life of our nation and government for which we thank God. But these Christian features have enemies and our work in part is to defend these features against enemy attack, and thus maintain them. Beyond this our efforts are directed to supply Christian features that are lacking in our national life. In the words of the charter, "to promote in our national life the Christian principles of civil government."

Teaching Religion in Tax-Supported Schools

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ed because of the religious faith our fathers had. Now we are called upon to do greater things than our fathers. We must not only preserve our American democracy but must join with men who believe in the same ideals in every country that a new world society may be created and preserved.

We believe there is one adequate faith which will provide both the desire and the will to follow this plan, and that is Christianity. Therefore, the religion of the Bible must be taught in our now thoroughly secular school system that the youth of America may be qualified to unite with the youth of all nations to the end that a Christian world society may be established out of the ruins of this present world conflict.

—*Christian Laymen.*

GOD'S PROGRAM FOR GOVERNMENT

By CLAUDE A. WATSON

[Dr. Watson is the candidate of the Prohibition Party for President of the United States. He is a well known attorney of Los Angeles, California but is preeminently a Christian man and a Christian statesman. He is touring the country in a speech-making campaign. We have heard him on three occasions give in substance the same message on the subject which heads this article. It is a great message which we wish every Christian man and citizen of American should hear, regardless of his political affiliations. There is very little of partisan politics in it. Dr. Watson sets forth in a masterly way *God's program for civil government* basing his message on the Bible, in particular Roman's, Chapter 13. It is the message America needs and Dr. Watson gives it as a prophet of God raised up and commissioned of God to give it. Dr. Watson knew nothing of The National Reform Association until we heard him a few weeks ago but his message is a National Reform message. He is an unusually able speaker. If at all possible, hear him. A skeleton outline of his message follows. EDITOR.]

1. The Supreme Court of the United States has upon different occasions declared: That this country is a Christion Nation, that is, established upon and to be conducted by the great Christion ethics.

2. That God is the author of all Civil Government.

3. That any government authorized by Him is one of righteousness.

4. That it is to be administered by righteous men.

5. That rulers are the ministers of God to the people for good and a terror to evil doers.

6. That for this kind of government we pay taxes.

7. That God can only establish such governments by and through moral and Christian people.

8. That the responsibility for teaching the people what is and what is not righteousness in government is that of the ministry. That it is their duty to develop a yard stick by which righteousness and evil in government may be determined.

9. That the only way we can establish righteousness, justice and equity, in government is by the united political action of the character building forces of America.

10. That in order to do this they must associate themselves together for political action. That this implies the creation of a political party.

11. That while we do believe in separation of church and state we do not believe in separation of righteousness and state.

12. That a Christian citizen's most powerful weapon is his vote.

13. That governments are controlled and operated by political parties. That a political party is but an association of citizens having a common philosophy or theory for the administration of society by the use of government agency. That politics is nothing but the science of government. That there is such a thing as Bible politics as pertaining to nations and ministers are under obligation to declare them.

14. That political parties have moral quality, responsibility and accountability.

15. That their moral quality is no higher than the most degenerate and anti-social condition that it permits to exist and to exploit the people, to gain office, or perpetuate itself in office, and from which it receives campaign revenue, and thus obligates itself.

16. That no political party will ever go right if supported by moral and Christian people when it is going wrong.

17. That when Christian and moral people support political parties when they approve and cater to evil is to be an accessory to their evil deeds.

18. That in order to continue to be moral and Christian we must separate ourselves from and by our vote protest and discipline such parties.

19. That there is now a need of a new party in the United States of America in which are associated the moral and character building forces of America for political action.

Congressman Bryson Speaks in Beaver County

The Beaver County (Pa.) Branch of The National Reform Association was very fortunate in securing as guest speaker at its Annual County Rally held in the United Presbyterian Church, Beaver, on Sabbath afternoon, June 25th, Hon. Joseph R. Bryson, Member of the United States Congress from South Carolina. Mr. Bryson is the leader of the dry forces in Congress and the author of HB 2082 "to reduce absenteeism, conserve manufacturing and speed production of materials necessary to win the war" by "prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages for the duration of the war and until the termination of demobilization."

J. R. BRYSON

Mr. Bryson gave a forceful and convincing message for wartime prohibition demonstrating the many ways in which the liquor traffic is interfering with our war effort and thus sacrificing needlessly precious human lives.

He also spoke in the morning in the northern section of the country in the United Presbyterian Church of New Galilee and addressed the union service of the churches of New Brighton in the evening.

We urge our readers to keep on sending petitions and letters to their Representatives in Congress urging the passage of this bill. Over 600,000 citizens throughout the country have already petitioned for its passage.

Address petitions to the House of Representatives and in a covering letter to your Congressman request him to present the petition to the House. It will then be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary to which this bill has been referred.

At the county rally the following were chosen as the leaders of the Beaver County Branch for the coming year: President, E. D. Davidson, Beaver; Vice President, Rev. W. W. McKinney, D.D., Ambridge; Secretary, Rev. H. B. Smith, Aliquippa. These officers with the following make up the Executive Committee: Rev. W. W. Willis, Frank Swick, Harold C. Clark, Russell Lathom, W. F. Waxenfelter, Rev. E. Joe Vandervort, Rev. D. C. McCoy, Rev. M. W. Castrodale, Wayne S. Luce, W. A. Bliss, Rev. Edwin G. Sloan, William Thompson, Fred V. McConnell, and Walter Shannon.